Difficulties due to Bangladeshi immigrants

3239. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted about the number of Bangladeshi immigrants settled at different places in the country; and

(b) the reasons for allowing these illegal immigrants to reside here indefinitely and the difficulties being experienced to deport them to their country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No Sir.

(b) The Government do not allow any illegal migrant to continue his stay in the country indefinitely. Once he is detected and his identity is established, he is deported. The powers for detection and deportation of the illegal Bangladeshi migrants have been delegated to the State Governments/UT Administrations and clear procedure has been prescribed. In addition, the Central Government sensitizes regularly all the State Governments/UT Administrations for effective detection and deportation of illegal migrants from Bangladesh. The detection and deportation of illegal Bangladeshi nationals involves numerous problems like-the ethnic, linguistic and regional similarities that these illegal migrants from Bangladesh have with Indians which help them mix up with the local population and evade detection.

Impaired vision of bus drivers in Delhi

3240. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Over 500 Delhi bus driver suffer from impaired vision Survey" appearing in the Times of India. New Delhi, Dated 26th June, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the survey conducted by the Institute of Driver and Training Research (IDTR); and

(c) what action police propose to take on the findings of IDTR and punish errant bus drivers of DTC, Blueline and K.M. Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to check the fitness and skill of the drivers of Blueline buses, DTC buses and Buses running under Kilometre Scheme, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has made it compulsory for them to pass a skill and evaluation test conducted by the Institute of Drivers Training and Research during a three day refresher course. In addition, the Delhi Transport Corporation Medical Board carries out medical fitness checkup of its drivers who have attained the age of 55 years and 58 years.

(c) The errant bus drivers are liable for action under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Demarcation of borders with Bangladesh

3241. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether undemarcated borders between India and Bangladesh have resulted in skirmishes leading to erosion of good relations; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to delineate 6.5 Kms. of undefined border to ease tensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In fact the Bangladesh Rifles Forces resorted to unprovoked and unwarranted intrusion into the village of Pyrdiwah in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya and brutal and inhuman killing of 16 Border Security Force personnel in Boraibari along the India-Bangladesh border in April, 2001. Two India-Bangladesh Joint Boundary working Groups (JBWGs) have been constituted on June 13, 2001. The first JBWG will deal with the undemarcated length of the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary measuring 6.5 kms. The second JBWG will deal with the exchange of enclaves and adversely possessed territories. The first meeting of the JBWGs has taken place on July 24, 2001 at Dhaka, Bangladesh. In these meetings, both sides reiterated their commitment to maintaining *status quo*, peace and tranquility on the border.